

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above preliminary amendments prior to the Examiner acting on the present application. No new matter is being introduced since these amendments merely eliminate multiple claim dependencies.

The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the Japanese priority application.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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